

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 Claim 1: A method of fund raising, comprising the steps of:
 - 2 providing a voucher for acquiring digital media content;
 - 3 sending a notification when the voucher is activated; and
 - 4 providing a download of the digital media content when the voucher is redeemed.
- 1 Claim 2: The method of claim 1, wherein the providing voucher step includes charging a fee for the voucher.
- 1 Claim 3: The method of claim 1, wherein the providing a voucher step includes providing a voucher with a voucher identifier.
- 1 Claim 4: The method of claim 3, wherein the voucher identifier comprises at least any one of a printed number, an encoded identifier and identification of the digital media content.
- 1 Claim 5: The method of claim 3, further comprising creating the voucher identifier by combining at least two partial identifier codes.
- 1 Claim 6: The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 - 2 activating the voucher after receiving payment for the voucher; and
 - 3 reporting the activation including an identifier of the voucher and the payment to
 - 4 a centralized accounting system.

1 Claim 7: The method of claim 1, wherein the providing a download comprises the steps of:
2 receiving an identifier of the voucher at an on-line retailer;
3 validating that the voucher is activated based on the identifier; and
4 downloading the digital media content to a media player when the voucher is
5 activated.

1 Claim 8: The method of claim 7, further comprising filtering the digital media to exclude
2 explicit media.

1 Claim 9: The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 activating the voucher by establishing a phone call to an automated activation
3 unit; and
4 providing an ID associated with the voucher.

1 Claim 10: The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of distributing a notice that the
2 voucher has been activated.

1 Claim 11: A method for managing fundraising, comprising the steps of:
2 providing one or more vouchers each having a unique identifier for redemption of
3 digital media content;
4 receiving an activation notice including the unique identifier for at least one of
5 the vouchers;
6 checking that the at least one voucher is activated using the unique identifier
7 when the voucher is presented for redemption; and
8 authorizing a download of the digital media for redemption of the at least one

9 voucher when the checking step determines that the voucher is activated.

1 Claim 12: The method of claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

2 receiving a payment for the activation and accounting for the payment on behalf
3 of an entity associated with the voucher; and
4 paying another entity when the download has occurred.

1 Claim 13: The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of tracking the one or more
2 vouchers using the identifiers so that the voucher is deactivated when redeemed preventing
3 another redemption by the at least one voucher.

1 Claim 14: The method of claim 11, wherein the providing step provides the one or more
2 vouchers to one or more entities for fund raising and accounts for the provided one or more
3 vouchers by entity and further comprises the steps of:

4 receiving a payment for sale of the provided one or more vouchers and accounting
5 for the payment of the provided one or more vouchers on behalf of the one or more entities;
6 and

7 reimbursing the one or more entities for at least a portion of the payment
8 according to the provided one or more vouchers to each of the one or more entities.

1 Claim 15: The method of claim 11, further comprising at least any one of the following steps:

2 providing a report on voucher identifiers including activation status;
3 providing a report on sales of the digital media content;
4 providing an accounting spreadsheet;
5 providing a report on sales for one or more digital media providers; and

6 providing a report of account balances for one or more entities selling the one or
7 more vouchers.

1 Claim 16: The method of claim 11, wherein the download of digital media content comprises
2 downloading digital media content associated with the unique voucher identifier, the digital
3 media content being at least any one of a video file, a music file, an animation file, a game
4 file, an interactive file, a text file, a speech file.

1 Claim 17: A system for managing fund raising, comprising at least one component to:
2 send a notification when a voucher is activated;
3 account for the voucher activation; and
4 authorize a download of the digital media content when the voucher is redeemed.

1 Claim 18: The system of claim 17, wherein the at least one component to account for the
2 voucher activation accounts for a fee received for the voucher.

1 Claim 19: The system of claim 17, wherein the at least one component to send the
2 notification sends an identifier associated with the voucher.

1 Claim 20: The system of claim 19, wherein the identifier is at least any one of a printed
2 number, an encoded identifier and an identification of the digital media content.

1 Claim 21: The system of claim 19, wherein the identifier comprises a plurality of partial
2 codes.

1 Claim 22: The system of claim 17, further comprising the at least one component to:
2 activate the voucher after receiving payment for the voucher; and
3 report the activation including an identifier of the voucher and the payment to a
4 centralized accounting system.

1 Claim 23: The system of claim 17, further comprising the at least one component to:
2 receive an identifier of the voucher at an on-line retailer;
3 validate that the voucher is activated based on the identifier; and
4 download the digital media content to a media player when the voucher is
5 activated.

1 Claim 24: The system of claim 17, further comprising the at least one component to receive a
2 telephone call for activating the voucher.

1 Claim 25: A system for managing fundraising, comprising at least one component to:
2 provide one or more vouchers each having a unique identifier for redemption of
3 digital media content;
4 receive an activation notice including the unique identifier for at least one of the
5 vouchers;
6 check that the at least one of the vouchers is activated using the unique identifier
7 when the at least one of the vouchers is presented for redemption; and
8 authorize a download of the digital media for redemption of the at least one of the
9 vouchers when the checking step determines that the at least one of the vouchers is activated.

1 Claim 26: The system of claim 25, further comprising the at least one component to:

2 receive a payment for the activation and accounting for the payment on behalf of
3 an entity associated with the at least one of the vouchers; and
4 pay another entity when the download has occurred.

1 Claim 27: The system of claim 25, further comprising the at least one component to track
2 the one or more vouchers using the unique identifier so that the at least one of the vouchers is
3 deactivated when redeemed to prevent another redemption by the at least one of the
4 vouchers.

1 Claim 28: The system of claim 25, wherein the at least one component provides the one or
2 more vouchers to one or more entities for fund raising and accounts for the provided one or
3 more vouchers according to each of the one or more entities, and further comprising the at
4 least one component to:

5 receive a payment for sale of the provided one or more vouchers and to account
6 for the payment of the provided one or more vouchers on behalf of the one or more entities;
7 and

8 reimburse the one or more entities for at least a portion of the payment according
9 to the provided one or more vouchers to each of the one or more entities.

1 Claim 29: The system of claim 25, further comprising at least any one of:
2 the at least one component to provide a report on any voucher identifier including
3 activation status;
4 the at least one component to provide a report on sales of the digital media
5 content;
6 the at least one component to provide an accounting spreadsheet;

7 the at least one component to provide a report on sales for one or more digital
8 media providers; and

9 the at least one component to provide a report of account balances for one or more
10 entities selling the one or more vouchers.

1 Claim 30: The system of claim 25, wherein the download of digital media content comprises
2 the at least one component to download digital media content associated with the unique
3 voucher identifier, the digital media content being at least any one of a video file, a music
4 file, an animation file, a game file, an interactive file, a text file, a speech file.

1 Claim 31: The system of claim 25, further comprising the at least one component to:

2 track the status of the one or more vouchers based on the unique identifier
3 throughout the functional lifetime of the one or more vouchers; and
4 provide educational training to organization members.

1 Claim 32: The system of claim 25, wherein the activation notice is achieved by one of an on-
2 line activation and a telephone call activation.